

## **DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT**

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Virginia Department of Health (VDH) and the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) seek written and oral comments from interested persons on the development of a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for fecal coliform bacteria in five shellfish propagation waters located in Gloucester County, Virginia.

The impaired segments are located in VDH Growing Area 47 containing the Timberneck Creek, Cedarbush Creek, Carter Creek, Aberdeen Creek and Jones Creek tributaries to the York River and Chesapeake Bay in Gloucester County, Virginia.

The affected water body segments are identified in Virginia's 1998 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report as impaired due to violations of the State's water quality standard for fecal coliform bacteria in shellfish waters. Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act and §62.1-44.19:7.C of the Code of Virginia, require DEQ to develop TMDLs for pollutants responsible for each impaired water contained in Virginia's 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report.

This is the second and final public meeting, to provide information and solicit participation of citizens and local government in the review of the draft report on fecal coliform TMDL's. The meeting will be held on March 6, 2007 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the library of the Page Middle School, 5628 George Washington Memorial Highway, Gloucester, Virginia 23061. Directions can be obtained by calling Chester Bigelow at (804) 698-4554. A copy of the draft TMDL may be found on the DEQ website at [http://gisweb.deq.virginia.gov/tmdlapp/tmdl\\_draft\\_reports.cfm](http://gisweb.deq.virginia.gov/tmdlapp/tmdl_draft_reports.cfm). The public comment period will begin on March 7, 2007 and end on April 5, 2007. Questions or information requests should be addressed to Chester Bigelow and should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the comments. Requests should be sent to Chester Bigelow, Department of Environmental Quality, 629 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia, 23240, telephone (804) 698-4554, Fax (804) 698-4116, or by email [cbbigelow@deq.virginia.gov](mailto:cbbigelow@deq.virginia.gov).